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FROM US REP MBFR

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PARM, NATO  
SUBJ: MBFR: BILATERAL CONVERSATION WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATIVES  
OF MAY 18, 1977

REF: MBFR VIENNA 245

1. IN BRIEF CONVERSATION MAY 20, SOVIET DEPREP SHUSTOV TOLD  
US REPS THAT MAY 18 DISCUSSION ON ARMAMENT REDUCTIONS HAD BEEN  
USEFUL. HE SAID THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD GIVE FURTHER THOUGHT  
TO US VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THAT DISCUSSION AND WOULD RETURN TO THE  
SUBJECT. SHUSTOV SAID THAT DURING THE LUNCH HE HAD OMITTED TO  
RAISE ONE POINT IN THIS CONTEXT WHICH HE HAD HAD IN MIND TO MAKE:  
IT WAS ONE THING IF THE SOVIETS WERE BEING ASKED TO WITHDRAW  
ONLY TANKS. BUT IT WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH THE CONCEPT OF  
REDUCTION OF ONLY SELECTED ARMAMENTS IF US WAS TO WITHDRAW  
ONLY NUCLEAR ELEMENTS AND THE SOVIETS HAD TO WITHDRAW BOTH THE  
TANKS OF A TANK ARMY AND ALL ITS ARMAMENTS IN ADDITION. US

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REPS SAID THEY WERE AWARE THAT THE SOVIETS HAD RAISED THIS  
ISSUE EARLIER.

2. COMMENT: SHUSTOV'S REMARK PROVIDES SOME INDICATION, IF  
THOUGH ONLY A LIMITED ONE, THAT DESPITE THE EXISTING STALEMATE  
IN THE VIENNA TALKS, THE SOVIETS HAVE SOME INTEREST IN MOVING  
THE NEGOTIATIONS AHEAD AS WELL AS SOME INCLINATION TO

FURTHER MODIFY THEIR POSITION ON ARMAMENT REDUCTIONS.RESOR

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